IDENTIFICATION OF THE REGULARLY ISSUED UNITED STATES BANKNOTE SERIES OF 1870 TO 1888

A STUDY OF THE DESIGNS, PLATE ARRANGEMENTS, PAPERS, GRILLS, AND EXAMPLES OF PRINTING VARIATIONS OF THE LARGE BANKNOTE ISSUES OF 1870 TO 1888

Between 1870 and 1888, the United States authorized fifty different postage stamps. These stamps were produced by the *National Bank Note Company*, the *Continental Bank Note Company*, and the *American Bank Note Company*.

Examples of the Stages of Development in the Production of a Postage stamp

Rejected Essay

Trial Color Proof

Final Issue

The various issues can be identified by the paper used, the presence of grills, secret marks, design and color.